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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing ROTC and the Cadet Battalion Commanders from Purdue University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Ball State University, IUPUI, the University of Notre Dame, and Indiana University.

*Whereas, Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) is a program of leadership and military skills training;*

*Whereas, ROTC offers the student a chance to develop skills for success, such as confidence, self-esteem, motivation, and the ability to lead others and make decisions;*

*Whereas, ROTC is a four year program consisting of two parts: the basic course and the advanced course;*

*Whereas, The basic course is usually taken in the freshman and sophomore years and requires no military commitment;*

*Whereas, The advanced course is a mutual commitment that offers scholarships to students in return for military service. Upon graduation, the initial duty obligation is eight years, served either by serving two to four years on active duty, followed by serving six to four years in the National Guard, or by serving eight years in the National Guard preceded by a period of time necessary to complete the active officer basic course (OBC);*

*Whereas, ROTC also offers a program entitled Green to Gold designed to allow qualified and inspired young enlisted service members to return to college, receive their baccalaureate degree, and earn a commission as an officer;*

*Whereas, Indiana postsecondary institutions have provided ROTC as an option to their students for decades;*

*Whereas, Cadet Battalion Commanders are the backbone of ROTC,*



*responsible for the administration and operations of the ROTC Corps of Cadets;*

*Whereas, The Cadet Battalion Commanders (C/LTCs) from the Indiana school are C/LTC Matthew C. Yiengst from Purdue University, C/LTC Wallace K. Myers, III from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, C/LTC Stephen P. Midkiff from Ball State University, C/LTC George M. Weilhamer from IUPUI, C/LTC John K. Curry from the University of Notre Dame, and C/LTC Adam Joseph Lackey from Indiana University;*

*Whereas, C/LTC Matthew C. Yiengst is from New Oxford, Pennsylvania, where he graduated from New Oxford High School in 1991 and was captain of the cross-country team, a member of the track team, and participated in the Science Olympiad;*

*Whereas, Cadet Yiengst was on active duty in the U.S. Army from February 1994 through August 1996. He received an Air Assault Badge, an Army Commendation Medal, an NCO Professional Development Ribbon, a Certificate of Achievement, and a Green to Gold Scholarship;*

*Whereas, While at Purdue University, Cadet Yiengst has maintained a 3.73 GPA and is majoring in financial planning and counseling;*

*Whereas, Cadet Yiengst will graduate and be commissioned in May 1999 and will report immediately to active duty at Fort Rucker;*

*Whereas, C/LTC Wallace K. Myers, III is from Bloomfield, Indiana, where he attended Bloomfield High School his freshman and sophomore years and the Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics, and Humanities at Ball State University his junior and senior years;*

*Whereas, While in high school, Cadet Myers played baseball and golf, participated in the Knowledge Master Open and the Media Fair, was a member of the National Honor Society and the Rotary Club, and worked with the local theater;*

*Whereas, Cadet Myers will report to his Officer Basic Course on June 13, 1999, and be assigned to the Transportation Corps;*

*Whereas, C/LTC Stephen P. Midkiff is from Indianapolis, Indiana, where he graduated from North Central High School in 1989;*

*Whereas, While at North Central High School, Cadet Midkiff played soccer for two years, switched to football for the remaining two years where he was a two-year letter winner, a defensive captain in 1989, and a member of the All-County team;*

*Whereas, Cadet Midkiff was an active duty member of the U.S. Navy*



*from 1992 to 1996 where he received numerous awards and ribbons including four Letters of Appreciation, a Letter of Commendation, a South West Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star, a Battle "E" for Excellence, an Overseas Service Ribbon with Bronze Star, a National Defense Service Medal, and an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal;*

*Whereas, Cadet Midkiff, who is an Exercise Science/Physiology major, has been on the Dean's List the last six consecutive semesters;*

*Whereas, Cadet Midkiff will be commissioned into the Chemical Corps on July 24, 1999, and serve as the Ball State University Gold Bar Recruiter until October 15 when he will begin his Officer Basic Course;*

*Whereas, C/LTC George M. Weilhamer is from Danville, Indiana;*

*Whereas, Cadet Weilhamer entered IUPUI on a Green to Gold Scholarship after serving eight years in U.S. Army Military Intelligence;*

*Whereas, While at IUPUI, Cadet Weilhamer has earned a 3.6 GPA;*

*Whereas, Cadet Weilhamer has been active in the Indianapolis community, collecting over \$5,000 in donations for ROTC through the coordination of numerous fundraisers and involved ROTC in the community by helping the homeless with donations of food and clothing and by visiting hospitalized veterans at the Veterans' Administration Hospital;*

*Whereas, Cadet Weilhamer will be commissioned in the U.S. Army upon graduation and will immediately begin active duty;*

*Whereas, C/LTC John K. Curry hails from Fort McClellan, Alabama, from a family with a strong military background;*

*Whereas, Cadet Curry, who is a senior, will receive his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, with a concentration in Structural Engineering;*

*Whereas, While attending the University of Notre Dame, Cadet Curry has been on the Dean's List several semesters and participated heavily in the music program, receiving both the Outstanding Freshman Marcher of the Year and the Outstanding Senior Band Member awards;*

*Whereas, Upon graduation, Cadet Curry will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Military Police Corps and serve as the Gold Bar Recruiter until October. His follow-up assignment will be at Fort Hood, Texas;*



*Whereas, C/LTC Adam Joseph Lackey comes from Trafalgar, Indiana, where he attended Columbus North High School;*

*Whereas, While at Columbus North High School, Cadet Lackey was a member of the National Honor Society and lettered in football, wrestling, and track;*

*Whereas, Cadet Lackey will graduate from Indiana University in May 1999 with a dual degree in Political Science and Japanese Language with Business and History minors;*

*Whereas, As a cadet, Cadet Lackey received numerous awards and decorations, including the George C. Marshall Award, Distinguished Military Student, four Gold Athlete Awards, Recondo Badge, Dean's List, IU Superior MSIII 1998, IU Superior MSII 1997, IU Superior MSI 1996, the Christopher Bowden Memorial Scholarship, and the Air Assault Badge;*

*Whereas, Cadet Lackey will be commissioned May 7, 1999, as an Infantry Officer and immediately begin active duty;*

*Whereas, ROTC programs on college campuses are the nation's way of ensuring that all the influences of higher education are transported into the military services, a mandatory requirement in a democracy: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

1       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to  
2 recognize the value of the ROTC programs at Indiana universities and  
3 colleges and to congratulate these gentlemen on their many  
4 accomplishments and to wish them well in the future.

5       SECTION 2. That the principal clerk of the House of  
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the cadets and  
7 their families and to the professors of military science at their  
8 respective schools.

